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In Re Application Of:

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Serial Number: **10/054,361**

Filing Date: **January 17, 2002**

Entitled: **SYSTEM AND METHOD OF MANAGING
PRE-PAID ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO GOODS
SERVICES AND OTHER CONTENT**

Group Art Unit: **2171**

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make special the subject application under the provisions of 37 CFR §102 and MPEP 708.02 (VIII).

A. The petition fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(i) is to be taken out of Deposit Account No. 16-2230.

B. Only a single invention is present in the application.

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C. The following classes and subclasses were searched:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Subclass</u>
235	379, 380, 382, 487, 493
705	1, 14, 26, 27, 30, 35, 58, 64, 65, 75
709	217, 218, 219, 225, 227

D. Copies of the most pertinent references that turned up in the search are enclosed.

U.S. Patent Application No. US 2002/0147683 A1 to Capobianco et al.

This reference is directed to a computer-assisted method of tracking a balance amount associated with a prepaid card for purchasing digital music. This reference does not disclose a system for distributing access to materials on a network that includes a plurality of alphanumeric sequences each including a password component and a certificate identifier component, and a network which includes a server storing content for at least one specific location on the network, a database for storing a list of the plurality of alphanumeric sequences, wherein the database includes a plurality of tables for monitoring the plurality of alphanumeric sequences, a management interface for generating the plurality of alphanumeric sequences and assigning a product identifier component to each one of the plurality of alphanumeric sequences, and an user interface for entering the at least one of the plurality of alphanumeric sequences and obtaining access to the content

U.S. Patent No. 6,246,755 to Walker et al.

This reference relates to methods and systems for connecting a caller to a content provider who provides a service to the caller over the telephone system. This reference does not disclose a system for distributing access to materials on a network that includes a plurality of alphanumeric sequences each including a password component and a certificate identifier component, and a network which includes a server storing content for at least one specific location on the network, a database for storing a list of the plurality of alphanumeric sequences, wherein the database includes a plurality of tables for monitoring the plurality of alphanumeric sequences, a management interface for generating the plurality of alphanumeric sequences and

assigning a product identifier component to each one of the plurality of alphanumeric sequences, and an user interface for entering the at least one of the plurality of alphanumeric sequences and obtaining access to the content

U.S. Patent Application No. US 2002/0095420 A1 to Hovespian

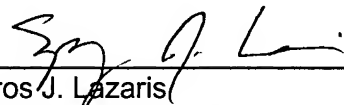
This reference was filed simultaneously by the same Applicant in the present application.

Grant of this petition is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130 fee for this Petition, and any additional fees which may be required while this application is pending in the Patent Office, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 16-2230. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully requested,

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